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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Jordan Bureau--April 1987

I. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. On 27 April, following a lengthy dispute between the local distributor for the Iraqi newspapers AL-JUMHURIYAH and AL-THAWRAH and the Iraqi supplier, the bureau again began receiving and resumed its primary coverage responsibilities for these publications. In addition, the Iraqi daily AL-'IRAQ and the weekly ALIF BA' are also being received and have been placed on tentative coverage pending confirmation of steady receipt. Copies of AL-JUMHURIYAH and AL-THAWRAH are being forwarded via courier pouch to Tel Aviv Bureau for passing on to a local consumer.

2. Following a content assessment of Abu Dhabi Domestic Service newscasts, the bureau has added the 0930 GMT cast as class C coverage, to complement its press coverage of the UAE.

B. Lateral Services

1. At the request of Amembassy Algiers, passed on to us by the local embassy political counselor, the bureau provided Algiers with all reports published in the JORDAN TIMES written by its correspondent Lamis K. Andoni on the preparatory meetings for the 18th PNC session held in Algiers, as well as reports on the session filed by this correspondent.

2. Chief Monitor [] translated an article by Professor Mahdi 'Abd al-Hadi, former head of the Information and Studies Department of the Jordanian Ministry of Occupied Territories Affairs, and currently a member of the faculty of Bi'r Zayt University in the West Bank, reviewing Palestinian-Israeli meetings in the occupied territory. A copy of the translation was passed to the embassy political section.

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C. Technical

1. As part of its continuing efforts to make use of our computers, we have instituted the use of computer generated labels for our daily take of material supplied via courier to local lateral consumers.

II. VISITS

1. FBIS Director [] visited the bureau 19-22 April as part of an area and bureau orientation tour.

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III. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

1. The bureau chief captained the embassy tennis team to yet another inglorious tournament defeat, this time at the hands of the British Embassy/Club team. Actually, it wasn't all that inglorious, as the outcome of the entire tournament came down to the last match of the day, No. 1 Ladies Doubles, which we had to win by three games to gain a draw. Our valiant team prevailed, but by a margin of only two games, so the outcome was decided by total number of games won: 91 for the Brits, 90 for the Good Guys! Much apres match post mortem'ing was carried out at a buffet, at which the bureau chief, in his guise as tournament organizer, had the dubious honor of presenting the loser's trophy to the Ambassador.

2. Gramm-Rudman has hit the mission where it really hurts--the embassy swimming pool. Citing lack of funds, the embassy announced last winter that it would be unable to open the pool this summer. The American Embassy Employees Association Board of Directors, of which the bureau chief is a member, undertook to take over operation of the pool, on a fee basis. After much to'ing and fro'ing, not to mention rather harsh debate, the pool was finally opened on 1 May, but the toll on mission morale may take quite a while to overcome.


Chief, Jordan/Bureau

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ATT: Monthly Production Report

Amman Bureau Production Report for April 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	349510
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	69230
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	933

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	7390.00 min.	19260.00 min.	172.00 issues
III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES: (publishable words per month)			

BAHRAIN

Manama WAKH in Arabic	7850
Manama WAKH in English	1540

EGYPT

Cairo AKHBAR AL-YAWM in Arabic	0
Cairo AL-AHALI in Arabic	1480
Cairo AL-AHRAM in Arabic	13370
Cairo AL-AKHBAR in Arabic	10000
Cairo AL-JUMHURIYAH in Arabic	6630
Cairo AL-MUSAWWAR in Arabic	4520
Cairo ROSE AL-YUSUF in Arabic	0
Cairo UKTUBAR in Arabic	2460

FRANCE

Paris Radio Monte Carlo in Arabic	16910
Paris AL-MUSTAQBAL in Arabic	1530
Paris AL-WATAN AL-'ARABI in Arabic	0

IRAQ

Baghdad Domestic Service in Arabic	1100
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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Baghdad Voice of the Masses in Arabic	27540		
Baghdad Voice of the PLO in Arabic	20350		
Baghdad INA in Arabic		19190	
Baghdad INA in English		2730	
Baghdad AL-'IRAQ in Arabic			830
Baghdad AL-JUMHURIYAH in Arabic			0
Baghdad AL-THAWRAH in Arabic			0
ISRAEL			
Jerusalem in Arabic to the Arab World	1700		
JORDAN			
Amman Domestic Service in Arabic	14120		
Amman Domestic Service in English	320		
Amman Television Service in Arabic	3700		
Amman Television Service in English	1500		
Amman Petra-JNA in Arabic		630	
Amman AKHBAR AL-USBU' in Arabic			0
Amman AL-DUSTUR in Arabic			8830
Amman AL-RA'Y in Arabic			12830
Amman JORDAN TIMES in English			12170
Amman SAWT AL-SHA'B in Arabic			3180
Amman THE JERUSALEM STAR in English			430
KUWAIT			
Kuwait AL-ANBA' in Arabic			23190
Kuwait AL-QABAS in Arabic			23230

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Kuwait AL-RA'Y AL-'AMM in Arabic			9290
Kuwait AL-SIYASAH in Arabic			3680
Kuwait KUWAIT TIMES in English			0
 LEBANON			
Marj 'Uyun Lebanon Voice of Hope in Arabic	1150		
 OMAN			
Muscat Domestic Service in Arabic	3000		
Muscat ONA in Arabic		0	
Muscat 'UMAN in Arabic			0
Muscat OMAN DAILY OBSERVER in English			190
 QATAR			
Doha QNA in Arabic		4730	
 SAUDI ARABIA			
Riyadh AL-DAMMAM AL-YAWM in Arabic			370
Riyadh AL-JAZIRAH in Arabic			0
Riyadh AL-RIYADH in Arabic			0
Jeddah 'UKAZ in Arabic			0
Jeddah SAUDI GAZETTE in English			0
 SUDAN			
Khartoum KUNA in English to KUNA Kuwait		0	
Khartoum SUNA in Arabic		7970	
Khartoum SUNA in English		5510	
 SYRIA			
Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic	20000		

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Damascus Television Service in Arabic	3610		
Damascus SANA in Arabic		1710	
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES			
abu dhabi Domestic Service in Arabic	1050		
Abu Dhabi WAM in Arabic		2440	
Abu Dhabi AL-ITTIHAD AL-USBU'I in Arabic			5170
Abu Dhabi AL-ITTIHAD in Arabic			9870
Al-Shariqah AL-KHALIJ in Arabic			4640
Dubayy AL-BAYAN in Arabic			1110
YEMEN			
Sanaa Domestic Service in Arabic	6430		
Sanaa Voice of Palestine in Arabic	13730		